# Dropout Prevention and Recovery

DIFFERENTIATE INSTRUCTION TO KEEP STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL

DIGITAL CURRICULUM SOLUTION

> *Apex Learning digital curriculum allows us to grab students who are struggling midstream and put them in online courses that keep them moving toward graduation.*

—Julie Besch
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## Rigorous and Accessible Content

Apex Learning® believes in setting high expectations for all students, and that philosophy is reflected in the rigor as well as the breadth and depth of adherence to standards. Recognizing that students come to class with varying levels of proficiency and preparation for grade-level academic content, Apex Learning strives in its courses to make rigorous content accessible to all students by providing opt-in supports and scaffolds to meet each student at his or her individual level of academic readiness and develop the student's capacities.

Students move at their own pace, actively engaging in meaningful ways with instructional content. Purposeful use of text, audio, video, and interactive media motivates students to learn while addressing varied learning styles and individual preferences. Opt-in scaffolding supports the mastery of rigorous grade-level academic content for all learners.

## Engaging Active Learning

Apex Learning students learn by doing. Through 17 unique activity types, Apex Learning integrates interactive media into every lesson, bringing ideas to life. Students progress through course content by interacting with each concept as they are prompted to observe, inquire, create, connect, and confirm. Instructive feedback is immediately provided as students apply their understanding, creating a continuous interplay with the subject matter that keeps students attentive and motivated.

Through ongoing interaction with course content, students are able to take responsibility for — and ownership of — their individual learning experience. As students experience success, their confidence builds, and their achievement increases.

## Prescriptive Features

All Apex Learning Comprehensive Courses support programs that are targeted at keeping students who have not earned required course credits on track for graduation. Students taking Apex Learning courses for credit recovery use the same rigorous, standards-based courses as students engaged in Apex Learning courses for original credit, ensuring that all students master the skills and concepts necessary for their future success. The courses most often needed for credit recovery include pretests that generate individualized learning plans designed to help students recover credits more efficiently and at an accelerated pace.

## Prescriptive Pretests Identify Student Knowledge

Pretests assess a student's knowledge in each unit of content, identifying what the student has learned and any areas of deficiency. Tightly aligning each item to the standards, the pretests determine an individualized learning plan encompassing the relevant material yet to be mastered.

## Individualized Learning Plans Focus Student Efforts

An individualized learning plan is automatically generated based on pretest results to direct each student to the specific material he or she has yet to master. Individualized learning plans efficiently guide a student's learning, giving educators the confidence that students are focused on the material they have yet to master.